GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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POVERTY IS MAN CAUSE OF AILMENT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main cause of ailment according to World Health Organisation is poverty;

(b) the steps suggested by the World Health Organisation to check deaths due to poverty; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) No Sir. The World Health Organization has only pointed out that poverty is one of the determinants of ill health as poor people do not have adequate purchasing power to access food and timely health care services which are necessary for attaining a level of good health.